

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-2. **(Cancelled).**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A molded shell for use as a helmet  
which comprises:

an inner layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic  
material,

an outer layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic  
material, and

an integral intermediate layer located between portions of  
said inner and outer layers, said intermediate layer comprising first,  
second and third layers of non-woven fabric and synthetic resin, and a  
molded net member located between said first and second layers, said  
molded net member having protrusions on opposite sides thereof and  
comprising strands of a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin which are  
arranged to define square openings having sides between 2 and 45 mm in  
length, said strands having diameters of between 0.1 and 4 mm, and said  
first, second and third layers and said molded net member being bonded  
together with resins from said first and second layers filling the openings  
of said net member so that said net member resists bending of said  
molded shell and improves shock resistance, said protrusions extending  
into said first and second layers.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermosetting resin.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermoplastic resin.

6. **(Cancel).**

7. **(Previously Presented)** A moulded laminate shell according to claim 3, including another molded net member located between said second and third layers.